

## **What is IABS?**

The Illinois Association of Blind Students (IABS) is a state wide membership organization comprised of blind and low vision students. The purpose of IABS is to condition blind students for leadership roles in the community at large. IABS achieves this mission by providing blind students a valuable network where members can trade tips on study techniques, the newest adaptive software, and strategies for confronting the challenges blind students face.

IABS is a student division of the National Association of Blind Students (NABS). All student divisions operate under the guidance of NABS. Every summer, IABS sends a delegate to the annual NABS meeting which is held in coordination with the National Federation of the Blind's National Convention.

For More Info On IABS, please send emails to [IABS@nfbfillinois.org](mailto:IABS@nfbfillinois.org).

## **What is the NFB?**

With more than 50,000 members, the National Federation of the Blind is the largest and most influential membership organization of blind people in the United States. The NFB improves blind people's lives through advocacy, education, research, technology, and programs encouraging independence and self-confidence. It is the leading force in the blindness field today and the voice of the nation's blind.

## **NFB Mission**

The mission of the National Federation of the Blind is to achieve intellectual understanding that the real problem of blindness is not the loss of eyesight but the misconceptions and lack of information which exist. We do this by bringing blind people together to share successes, to support each other in times of failure, and to create imaginative solutions.

For More Info on the NFB, go to [nfb.org](http://nfb.org).

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